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**Subject:** Heads up: OAR releasing National Air Toxics Assessment tomorrow showing elevated risk from ethylene oxide  
**Attachments:** NATA preview 2018.pdf; NATA Key Talking Points. 8.20.18 Version for States .docx

Tomorrow OAR is going to post the results of their 2014 National Air Toxics Assessment, which estimates risks from long-term exposure to air toxics (hazardous air pollutants). This assessment has highlighted a number of areas where risk could be elevated from the chemical ethylene oxide. One of the uses of ethylene oxide is for sterilizing equipment – such as medical equipment – so that means we’ve registered this as an antimicrobial. OPP is working on a desk statement on our position on ethylene oxide and it’s pesticide uses/safety in case we get questions. I’m checking with OPPT to see if they should put something together too.

OAR tells me they are not doing a press release, just posting the report and info on ethylene oxide on the web and regions/states are reaching out to affected communities/facilities.

Attached is some general info and talkers about the report.

Thanks.